

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the City of) Application No. 911-023.36
Lincoln/Lancaster County,)
Public Safety Answering Point,) ORDER APPROVING FUNDING
seeking funding approval for) REQUEST IN PART
recurring and non-recurring)
costs associated with Enhanced)
Wireless 911 implementation.) Entered: October 10, 2007

BY THE COMMISSION:

By written request for funding date May 23, 2006, the City of Lincoln/Lancaster County, Public Safety Answering Point (Lincoln/Lancaster County), sought funding from the Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund for expenses for implementing and providing enhanced wireless 911 service.

In its application, Lincoln/Lancaster County sought non-recurring costs in the amount of **\$244,696.00** for the purchase and installation of equipment and software necessary to implement enhanced wireless 911 service. Specifically, Lincoln/Lancaster County seeks reimbursement of **\$163,007.00** for the Orion MapStar/Map Manager, **\$45,689.00** for the Orion MapStar CAD Interface, and **\$36,000.00** for the PSSI interface to MapStar.

Lincoln/Lancaster County provided supporting documentation for the equipment, software, and associated expenses. The Enhanced Wireless 911 Advisory Board considered Lincoln/Lancaster County's request at its May 14, 2007 meeting and recommended that the Commission approve payment in the amount of **\$163,007.00** for the Orion MapStar/Map Manager. The Board did not recommend approval of the remainder of the request, as CAD is not necessary to process a wireless E911 call.

Commission staff has compared the costs associated with the Orion MapStar/Map Manager with pricing provided in response to the Commission's Request for Proposal (RFP). The costs of some items listed in the supporting documentation exceed the prices contained in responses to the RFP in the amount of **\$34,634.60**. All costs contained within the request for funding and supporting documentation are set forth in the confidential attachment Appendix A, attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference. Those items listed in bold print are priced above the RFP pricing.

O P I N I O N A N D F I N D I N G S

This request for additional funding is being processed pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 86-442 to 86-470. (Cum. Supp. 2006), 291 Neb. Admin. Code, Chapter 1, Section 5, Progression Order No. 5 in Commission Docket No. 911-001, entered July 16, 2002 and the Interim Policy established in Progression Order No. 1 in Commission Docket No. 911-017/PI-116, entered February 13, 2007 (Interim Policy).

Based upon the request for funding, supporting documentation, and in consideration of the recommendation of the Advisory Board, the Commission is of the opinion and finds that costs requested for the Orion MapStar/MapManager, subject to the limitations set forth below, are eligible under Neb. Rev. Stat. § 86-465 as all costs have been incurred or will be incurred for the purchase, installation, maintenance or operation of telecommunications equipment and telecommunications services required for the provision of enhanced wireless 911 service.

This funding request was received prior to February 16, 2007. Pursuant to the Interim Policy, the Commission therefore considers this funding request for full reimbursement without being subject to the wireless/landline allocation factor established in the Commission's February 17, 2007 order.

The Commission finds that based upon the Advisory Board recommendation, the request for costs associated with CAD is denied. The Commission further finds that the funding request shall be granted only to the extent the pricing complies with Positron's response to RFP.

Therefore, the request for funding should be granted in part in the amount of **\$128,372.40** in non-recurring costs subject to the limitations set forth herein. Said amounts are consistent with the pricing set forth in responses to the RFP. However, this amount does not include costs associated with any amount requested in excess of the prices offered in response to the RFP as outlined in Appendix A or any amounts associated with CAD.

The Fund shall therefore pay to Lincoln/Lancaster County the amount of **\$128,372.40** consistent with the terms of this order and the amounts set forth in Appendix A upon receipt of any necessary documentation of payment to the vendor.

Should Lincoln/Lancaster County wish to be heard by the Commission regarding those portions of the funding request related to the amounts in excess of the prices offered in the response to

the RFP, it shall notify the Commission in writing **within fifteen (15) days** of this order and the matter will be set for hearing.

The Commission reserves the right to modify any recurring costs associated with this funding request consistent with amendments to the Interim Policy or the establishment of a permanent funding mechanism.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund shall pay to Lincoln/Lancaster County the amount of **\$128,372.40** consistent with the terms of this order and the amounts set forth in Appendix A for the equipment and/or software necessary to provide enhanced wireless 911 service.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED should Lincoln/Lancaster County wish to be heard by the Commission regarding those portions of the funding request related to the amounts in excess of the prices offered in the response to the RFP or in relation to CAD, it shall notify the Commission in writing **within fifteen (15) days** of this order and the matter will be set for hearing.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska this 10th day of October, 2007.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Deputy Director